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Dr. Everett L. Cooley, Director of the Utah State Historical Society, Mr. Royland of the Tourist and Publicity Council and Mr. Lee Knell, who is an architect and formerly of the Church Building Committee, were present to discuss the importance to the community and the Church of preserving this historic landmark.

Dr. Cooley stated that our Stake Tabernacle is one of the half dozen outstanding buildings of this type in the State. That it is not only an asset to the City and County, but also to the State of Utah. It has historical value, economic and intrinsic value as well as architectural beauty, and every effort should be exerted to keep this structure because once it is destroyed it will be gone forever and will be a tragic loss to everyone.

Mr. Fred Markham who is the Preservation Officer for Historical Buildings for the American Institute of Architecture, was unable to attend this meeting. However, he sent the following letter which was read to the group:

"The distinctive character of many of our older communities in the state lies in the fine old pioneer structures which have distinguished these communities over the years. Heber City without its tabernacle would become just another of those undistinguished communities, through which the major highways of the nation pass.

"This building is one which identifies it as Heber City and to lose it would be a distinct loss, not only to Wasatch County, but also to the State of Utah. There must be some way in which the citizens of Wasatch County, with the assistance of the other interested areas, can find some means to preserve this fine old building."

The committee has reason to believe that many thousands of dollars will be contributed towards the restoration of this building and issue an earnest appeal for your support in their efforts to save the Tabernacle.

The building was scheduled to be torn down to make way for a modern stake and ward center for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. However, Wasatch Stake officials have agreed to a "stay of execution" in hopes the building can be saved.

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